

FROM THE GOVERNOR



Dear Fellow Virginians,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the latest version of the Virginia Outdoors Plan (VOP), Virginia's comprehensive outdoor recreation and land conservation planning tool. This version is the first to be entirely online.

Since the original plan, Virginia's Commonwealth, was developed in 1965, the VOP has served the state's localities, government agencies and the private sector as a valuable planning tool. The new plan is no different. It is the result of hours of hard work by an impressive technical advisory committee. The members of this committee are to be commended for their efforts in assisting staff with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Their thoughtful guidance and suggestions make this the best Virginia Outdoors Plan ever.

Unlike previous plans, this one will be a living document that will provide up-to-date interactive mapping, guidance on the latest trends in outdoor recreation and land conservation techniques and strategies. For this reason we also look forward to continuing an interactive relationship with the technical advisory committee and other stakeholders to make this truly the Commonwealth's plan for the future of Virginia's outdoors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Terry McAuliffe". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light gray rectangular background.

Terence R. McAuliffe